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1. The Bolivian government has instituted censorship of the mails, and the government's censorship stamp has appeared on several letters received by residents of La Paz. It is believed that the practice extends only to persons suspected of plotting against the government, and that it will last only for the duration of the state of siege, which is expected to be lifted in about one month's time.
2. Telephone conversations within the country have also been interrupted by censors with the statements that Spanish only must be used. This measure is believed to have been taken to prevent conversation between conspirators against the government.
3. In this connection, Julio Lobaton, Bolivian postal official in the parcel post section, is reported to be in the confidence of the Movimiento Nacionalista Revolucionario (MNR) party, and is engaged in clandestinely transmitting packages to and from members of that group within the country and between Bolivia and Argentina. Lobaton was a confidential agent for the government during the Villarroel regime.

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